

STATE

COUNTY

VICINITY  $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE TOWN OR VICINITY

DELAWARE

Kent

Smyrna (on east side of Route 13  
on south edge of town)12p  
4d

INDEX NUMBER

MONUMENT

DEL. 1-SMYR.V. 3

Belmont Hall (Thomas Collins House)

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REPRESENTED IN  
NEGATIVE FILE

H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

DEL-147

History: Two earlier wings on  
northeast built soon after 1684PUBLISHED  
PHOTOGRAPHS(dated 1686 by Pratt). Main block on south-  
west built third quarter of the eighteenthPUBLISHED  
DRAWINGScentury (dated 1773 by Pratt) for Brigadier-  
General Thomas Collins, eighth president of

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the Delaware State. The place has remained  
the property of Collins' descendants; present  
owner Mrs. Cummins E. Speakman.

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BUILT 1753, ENL. 1771,  
BURNED 1882, REBUILT BY  
GOV. THOS. COLLINS

Description: Brick; earlier wings each two-and-a-half stories, gabled roofs, simple detail and finish; later main block, large scale, five bays wide front is gabled, one room deep, small balustraded deck at flat top of gabled roof, central entrance and stair hall, representative of the most elegant finish and detail of the period.

Reference: Dorothy and Richard Pratt, A Guide to Early American Homes -- South (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1956), pages 55-56.

Author of Card: Osmund R. Overby, Architect, National Park Service, 143 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia 6, Pa.  
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